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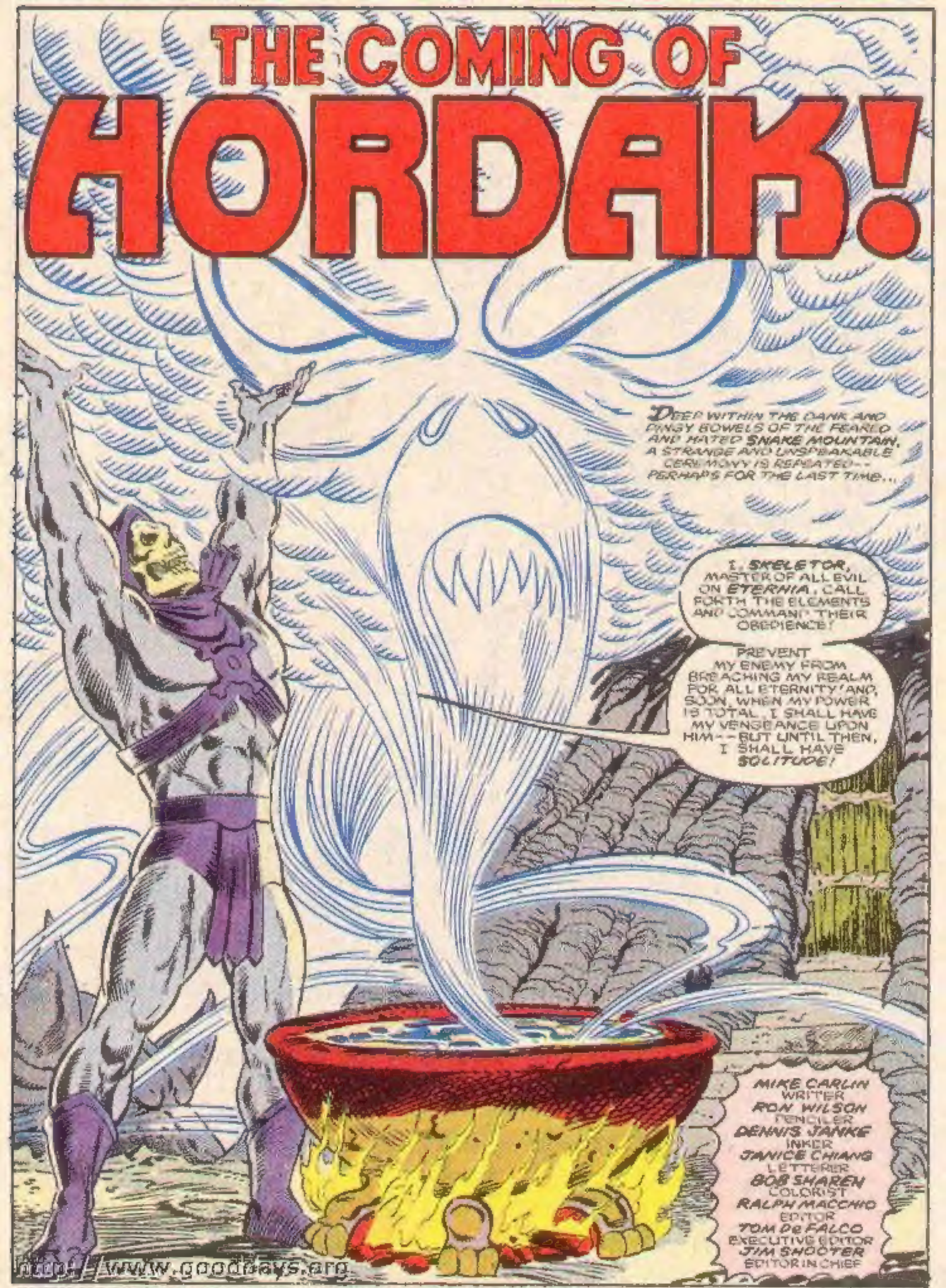
DEEP WITHIN THE DANK AND DINGY BOWELS OF THE FEARED AND HATED SNAKE MOUNTAIN, A STRANGE AND UNSPEAKABLE CEREMONY IS REPEATED--PERHAPS FOR THE LAST TIME...
I, SKELETOR, MASTER OF ALL EVIL ON ETERNIA, CALL FORTH THE ELEMENTS AND COMMAND THEIR OBEDIENCE!
PREVENT MY ENEMY FROM BREACHING MY REALM FOR ALL ETERNITY! AND, SOON, WHEN MY POWER IS TOTAL, I SHALL HAVE MY VENGEANCE UPON HIM--BUT UNTIL THEN, I SHALL HAVE SOLITUDE!
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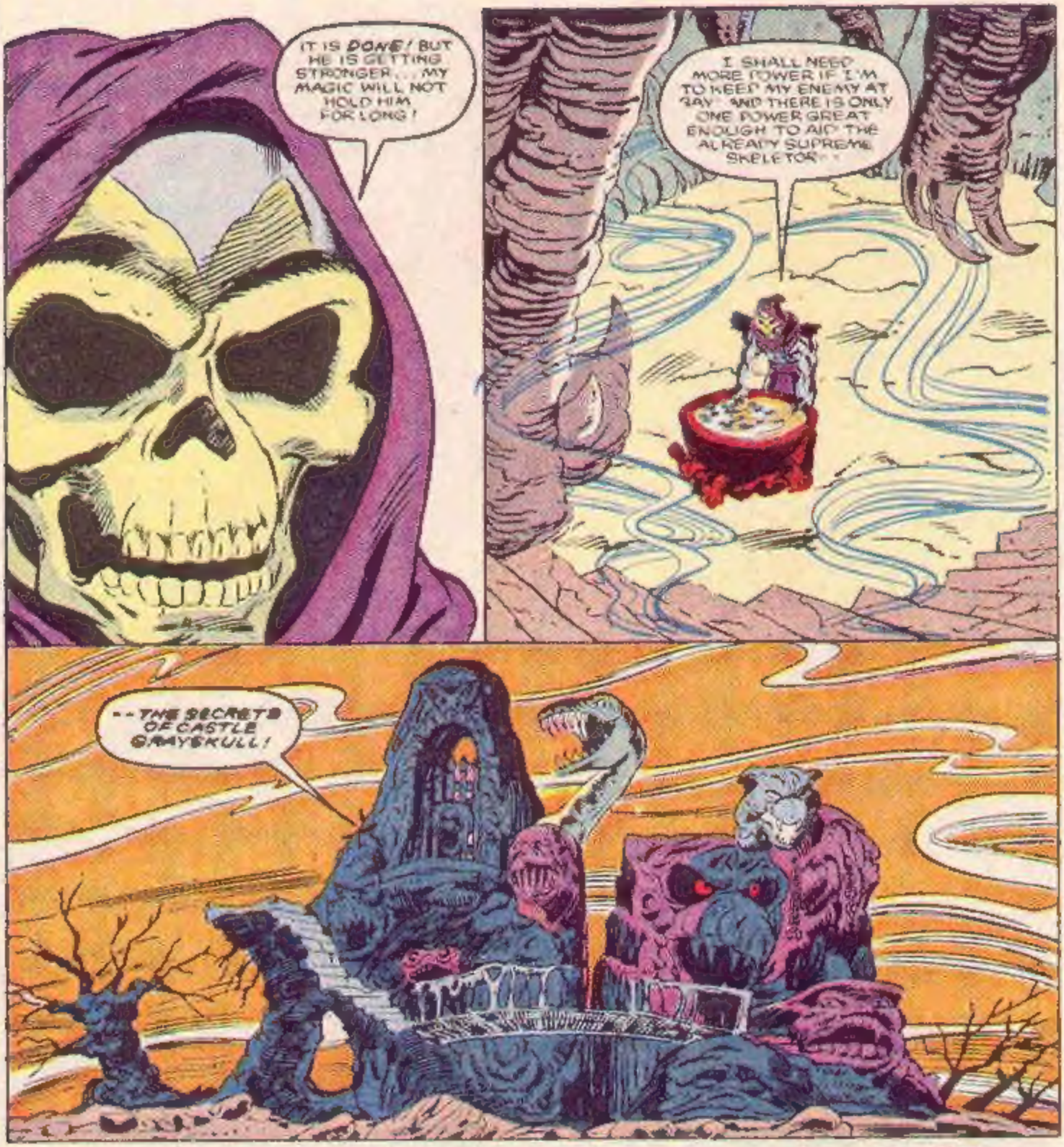
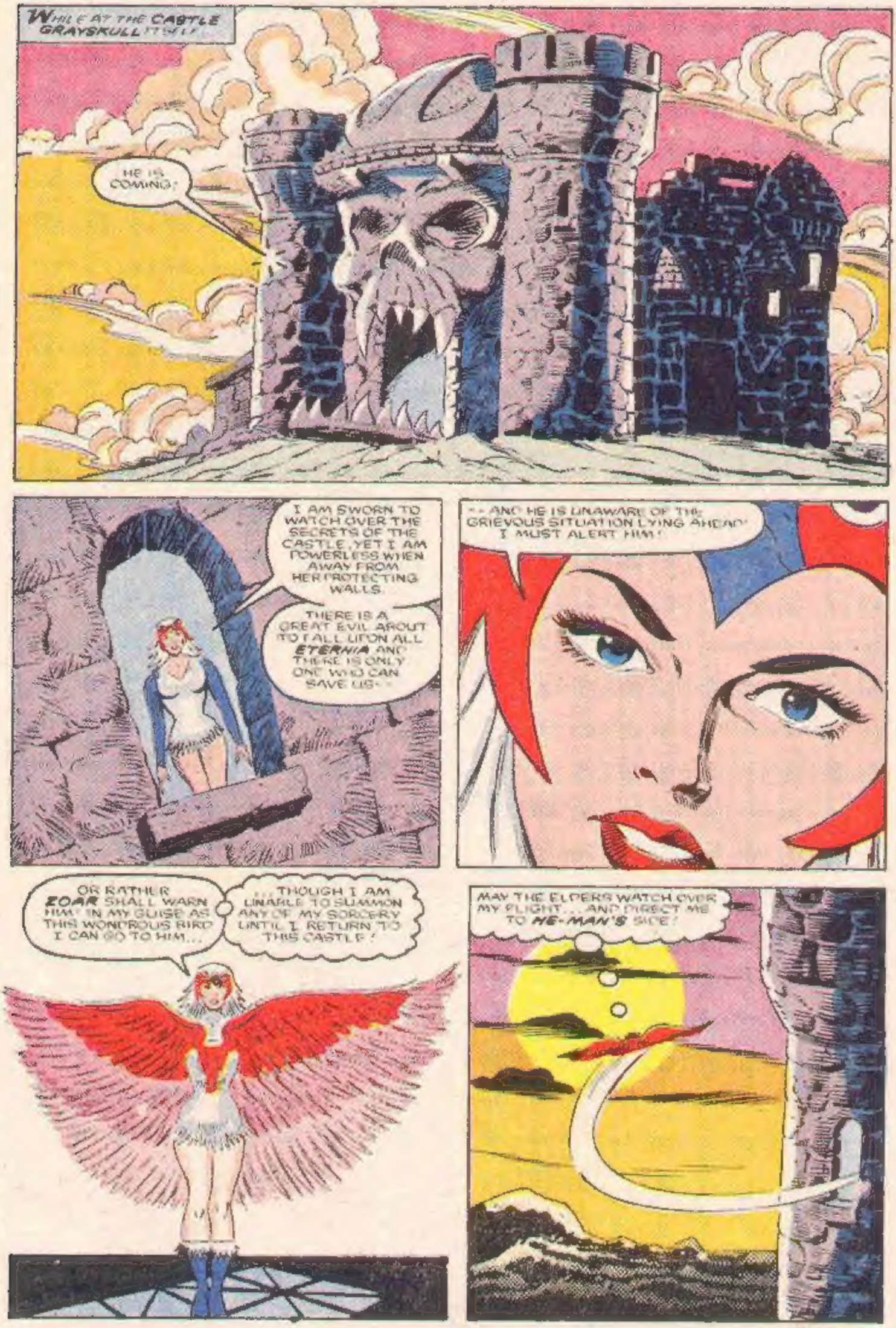

IT IS DONE! BUT HE IS GETTING STRONGER... MY MAGIC WILL NOT HOLD HIM FOR LONG!
I SHALL NEED MORE POWER IF I'M TO KEEP MY ENEMY AT BAY! AND THERE IS ONLY ONE POWER GREAT ENOUGH TO AID THE ALREADY SUPREME SKELETOR!
--THE SECRETS OF CASTLE GRAYSKULL!

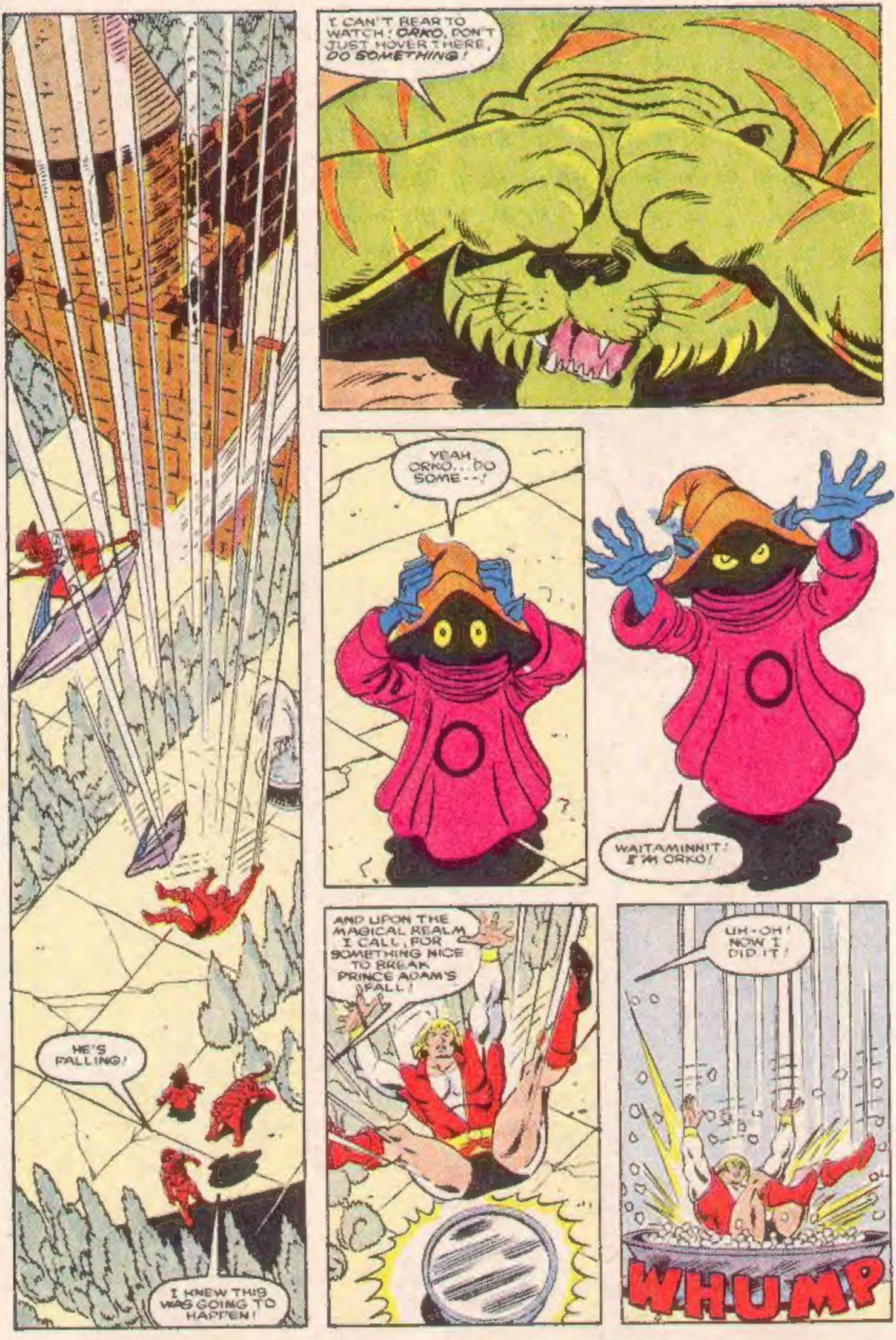
BUT I HAVE SOUGHT THIS GREAT POWER FOR WHAT SEEMS LIKE FOREVER... WITH THE HELP OF OTHERS... WITH FOOLPROOF SCHEMES... YET STILL THE FORCES HAVE ELUDED MY GRASP!

BUT NOW I GROW DESPERATE. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE AND I CANNOT RELY ON THE BUMBLING TALENTS OF MY LACKEYS! I CAN HOWEVER RAID THE SECRETS WITH THE AID OF--

--THE TERROR-CLAWS OF ALLOCCA!
BEWARE, GRAYSKULL... SKELETOR IS COMING--FOR YOUR VERY ESSENCE! HAHAHAHAHA!

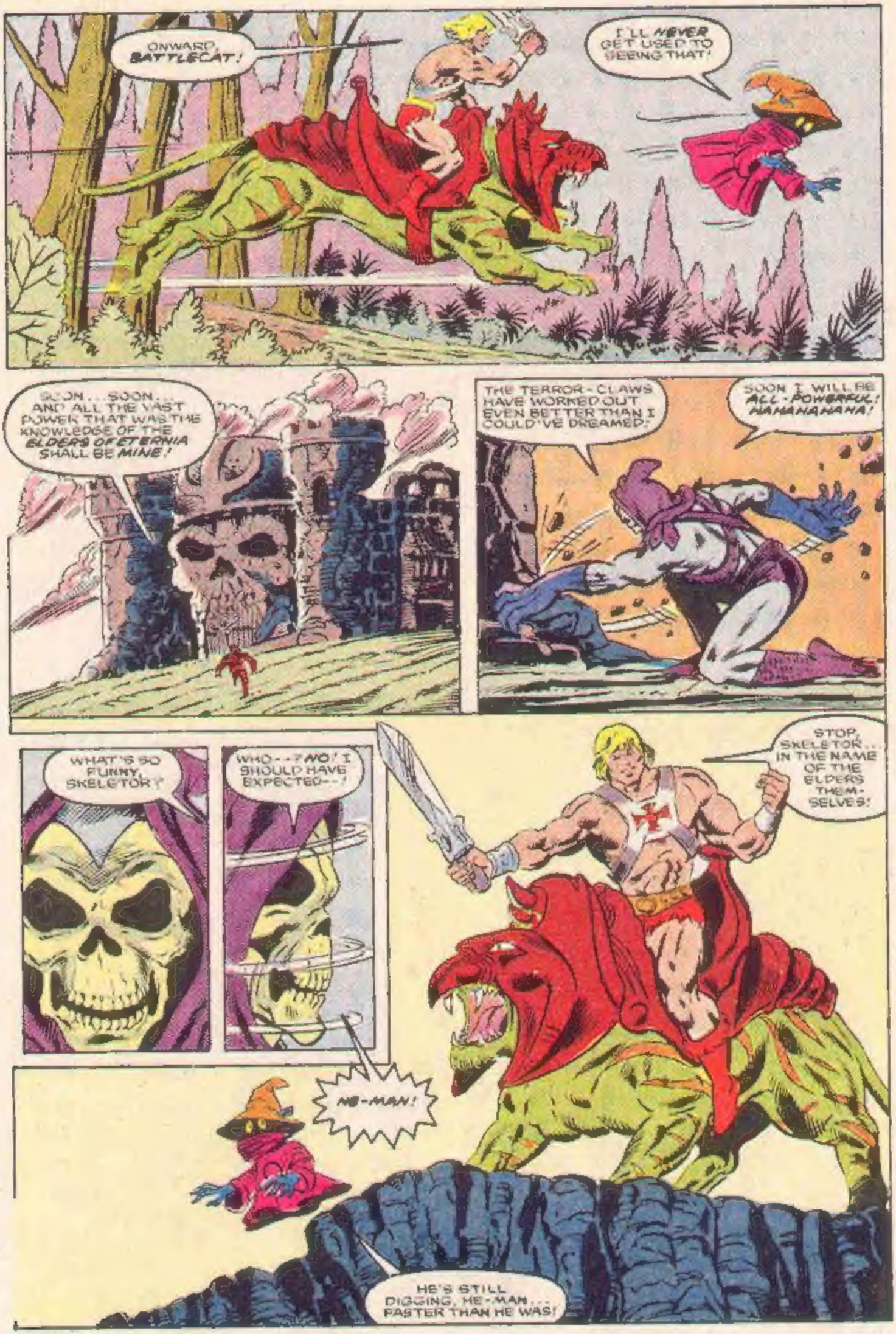

WHILE AT THE CASTLE GRAYSKULL IT IS!
HE IS COMING!
I AM SWORN TO WATCH OVER THE SECRETS OF THE CASTLE, YET I AM POWERLESS WHEN AWAY FROM HER PROTECTING WALLS.
THERE IS A GREAT EVIL ABOUT TO FALL UPON ALL ETERNIA AND THERE IS ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE US--
--AND HE IS UNAWARE OF THE GRIEVOUS SITUATION LYING AHEAD! I MUST ALERT HIM!
OR RATHER ZOAR SHALL WARN HIM! IN MY GUISE AS THIS WONDROUS BIRD I CAN GO TO HIM...
...THOUGH I AM UNABLE TO SUMMON ANY OF MY SORCERY UNTIL I RETURN TO THIS CASTLE!
MAY THE ELDERS WATCH OVER MY FLIGHT... AND DIRECT ME TO HE-MAN'S SIDE!

AND AT THE GLITTERING PALACE OF ETERNIA, HOME TO THE ROYAL FAMILY, A STRANGE TEST IS CARRIED OUT...
CAREFUL NOW, PRINCE ADAM, YOU'VE WRECKED MORE THAN ONE OF THESE JET SLEDS ALREADY...
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU DON'T TRUST ME YET, MAN-AT-ARMS... I GOT BETTER AT WRECKING THEM EVERY TIME!
YEAH... THIS ONE SHOULD BE THE PERFECT MESS!
NOW, NOW, TEELA... HE'S BAD ENOUGH UP THERE WITHOUT YOUR MAKING HIM FEEL INSECURE!
I'M SURE THAT THOUGHT HELPED HIM, SIR.
WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO START THIS THING! I CAN'T STAND WAITING FOR ADAM TO LOSE TO TEELA AGAIN! LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!
CRINGER'S RIGHT! LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE--! HEY!
CLAK
BRAK
WELL TAKEN, ADAM! CONSIDERING YOU WERE CHATTERING AWAY A MILE A MINUTE!
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD KEEP TALKING... LOOKS TO ME LIKE YOU'D FARE BETTER!
BOOF
WHOA!

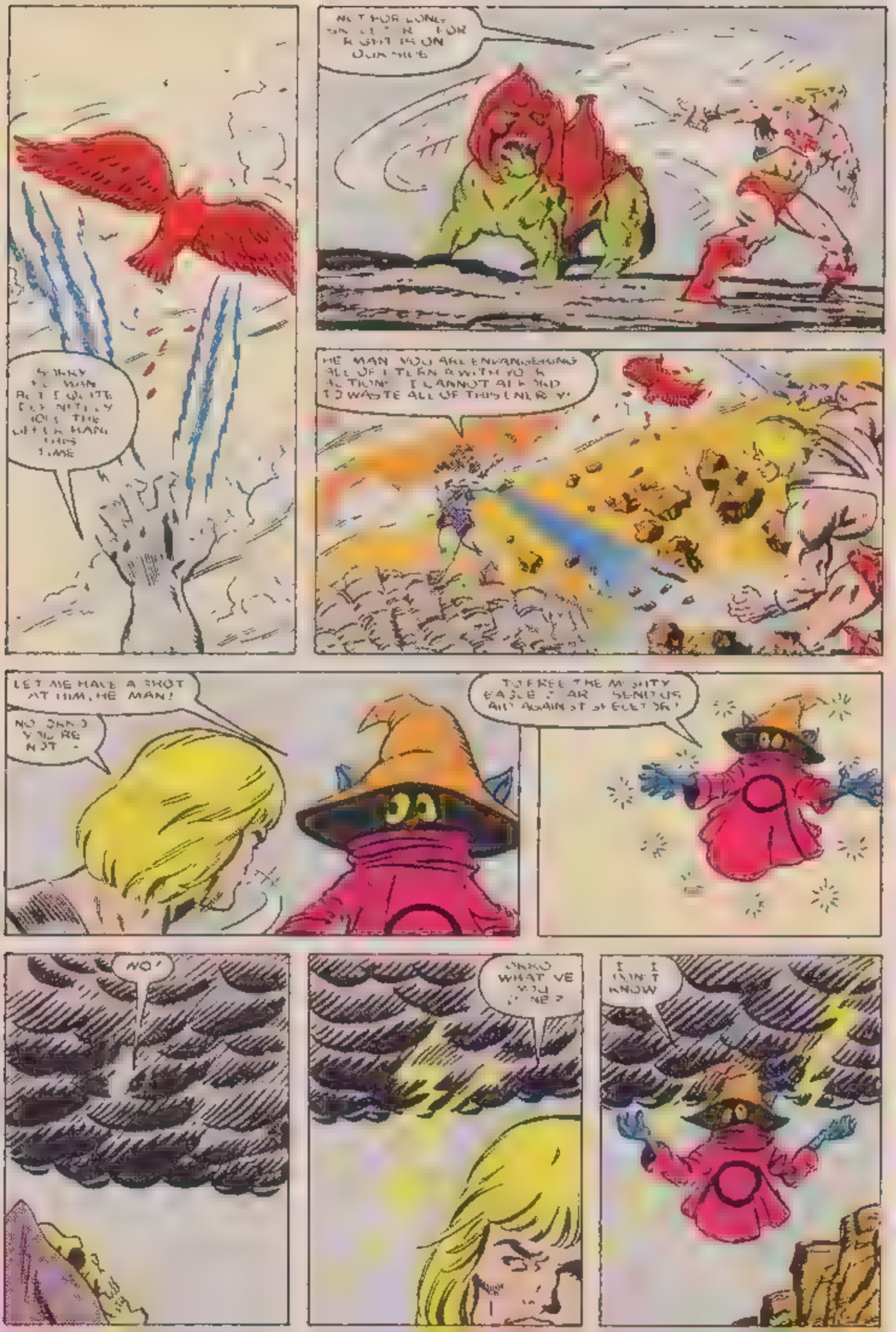

I CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH! ORKO, DON'T JUST HOVER THERE, DO SOMETHING!
YEAH ORKO... DO SOME--!
WAIT A MINNIT! I'M ORKO!
HE'S FALLING!
I KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN!
AND UPON THE MAGICAL REALM I CALL, FOR SOMETHING NICE TO BREAK PRINCE ADAM'S FALL!
UH-OH! NOW I DID IT!
WHUMP

ICE, ORKO? ICE? YOU COULD HAVE KILLED ME!
I SAID "NICE", ADAM! NOT "ICE"! I DON'T KNOW WHAT WENT WRONG!
WELL, I GUESS THERE WAS NO REAL HARM DONE!
HE'S OKAY, TEELA... NOW LIKE THE REMOTE CONTROL I INSTALLED IN YOUR SLED JUST IN CASE ADAM FELL OFF AGAIN
I SHOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE THAT OUT SOONER... GUESS I'M STILL JUST BETTER WITH MACHINES THAN WITH PEOPLE!
ADAM WILL JUST NEVER STOP BEING SUCH A KLUTZ! IT'S A GOOD THING YOU PUT IN THIS REMOTE CONTROL OR HE WOULD'VE WRECKED ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR INVENTIONS, MAN-AT-ARMS
THE SORCERESS! THERE MUST BE TROUBLE AT CASTLE GRAYSKULL!
UM... EXCUSE ME, MAN-AT-ARMS, TEELA...
-- I GUESS THAT FALL SHOOK ME UP MORE THAN I THOUGHT! I'D BETTER GO AND LIE DOWN. COME ON, CRINGER!
UH, I'D BETTER GO AND FOLLOW THE BOY... AFTER ALL I DO FEEL KIND OF RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS NOT FEELING WELL! BYE!
HEY! WAIT UP, ADAM!
THERE IS NO TIME TO WAIT, ORKO! WHENEVER THE SORCERESS SUMMONS THERE IS EVIL AT WORK... AND WE ALL KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!
BY THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL--
OOOOOOH, I HATE WHEN THIS HAPPENS!

I HAVE THE POWER!
ROOOOOOAAAAARRR!


ONWARD, BATTLECAT!
I'LL NEVER GET USED TO SEEING THAT!
SOON... SOON.... AND ALL THE VAST POWER THAT WAS THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ELDERS OF ETERNIA SHALL BE MINE!
THE TERROR-CLAWS HAVE WORKED OUT EVEN BETTER THAN I COULD'VE DREAMED!
SOON I WILL BE ALL-POWERFUL! HAHAHAHAHA!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY, SKELETOR?
WHO--? NO! I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED--!
STOP, SKELETOR... IN THE NAME OF THE ELDERS THEMSELVES!
HE-MAN!
HE'S STILL DIGGING, HE-MAN... FASTER THAN HE WAS!

YOU'RE FORCING MY HAND, VILLAIN! BACK AWAY!
AIIIIIEEE!
SHOOM
BLAST YOU, HE-MAN! FOR FOREVER DESTROYING MY WORK! BUT TODAY YOU SHALL NOT STOP ME! YOU CAN'T!
YOU ARE UNAWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS DAY! HIS FORCE IS SO STRONG THAT HE SHALL BREAK THROUGH SOON...
AND I CAN'T LET YOU STOP ME FROM INCREASING MY POWER TO RESTRAIN HIM!
SO BACK AWAY, YOURSELVES--
--LEST YOU ENDANGER ONE OF YOUR NUMBERS UNNECESSARILY!
HE'S GOT THE SORCERESS!
UNHAND HER, SKELETOR! OR FACE THE WRATH OF HE-MAN!


NOT FOR LONG, SORCERER! FOR RIGHT IS ON OUR SIDE!
SORRY HE-MAN, BUT I QUITE DEFINITELY DON'T THE OTHER MAN THIS TIME.
HE-MAN, YOU ARE ENDANGERING ALL OF Etermia WITH YOUR ACTION! I CANNOT ALLOW TO WASTE ALL OF THIS ENERGY!
LET ME HAVE A SHOT AT HIM, HE-MAN!
NO, GRAYSKULL YOU'RE NOT!
TO FREE THE MIGHTY EAGLE STAR SENTINEL AND AGAINST SPECTRA!
NO!
GRAYSKULL WHAT'VE YOU DONE?
I... I DIDN'T KNOW

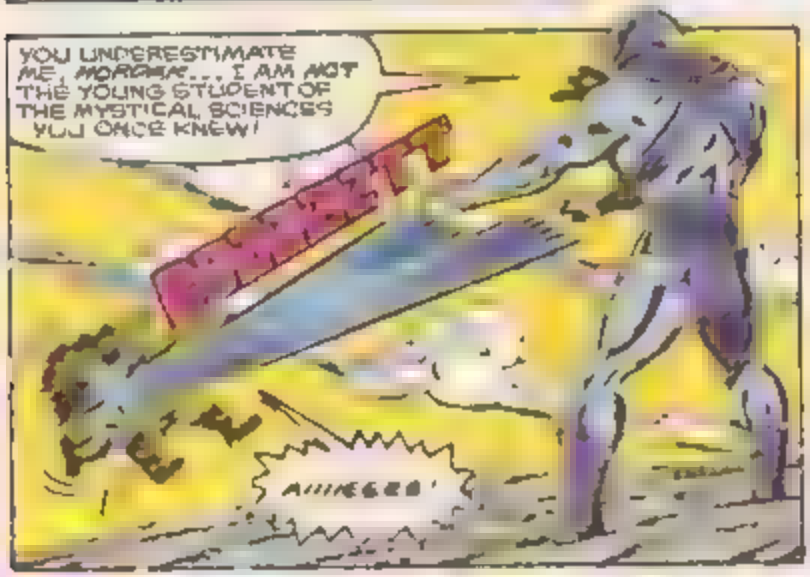
THE DAY OF MORGAN AND HIS EVIL MINIONS

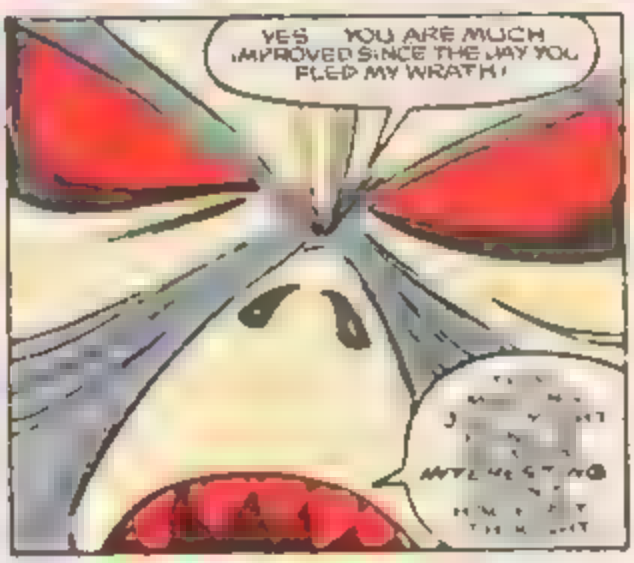
I HAD ALWAYS ANTICIPATED THIS MEETING WITH THE POWER OF MORGAK, BUT I HAD PLANNED THAT IT WOULD BE ON MY TERMS!

HE MAN... I DIDN'T REALIZE MY POWER. I DIDN'T MEAN TO
RELAX, URKO YOU WERE ONLY TRYING TO HELP! AND ZOAR HAS GONE FREE!
FOR NOW THOUGH WE MUST STAND READY FOR ANY
LIKE THE LOOKS OF THESE NEWCOMERS!

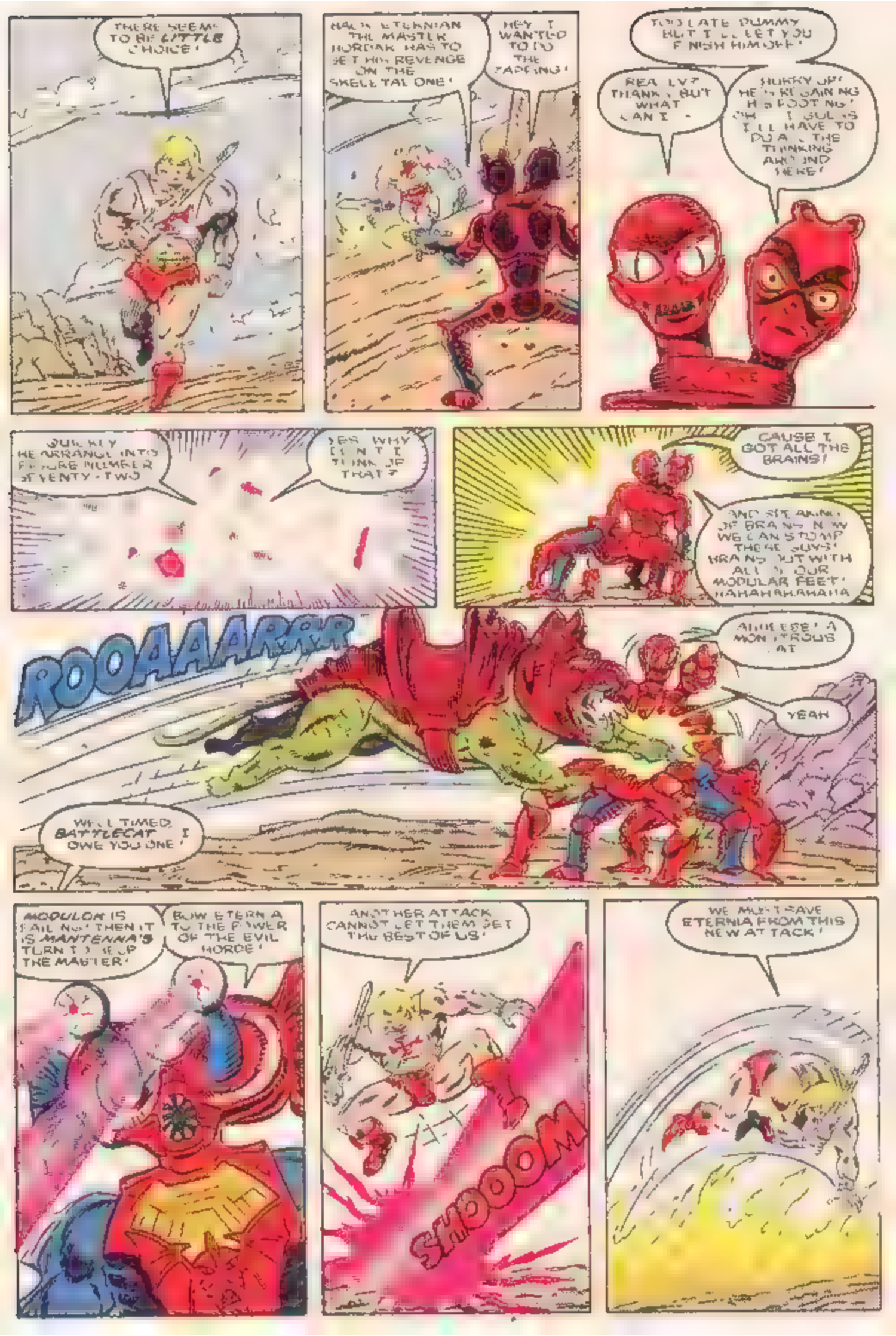
AND ETERNIA IS PURELY RIDICULOUS!
US WOULD BE BENEATH ME, THEREFORE--

RAAAAAA


YOU UNDERESTIMATE ME, MORGAK... I AM NOT THE YOUNG STUDENT OF THE MYSTICAL SCIENCES YOU ONCE KNEW!
AIIIEEEE!

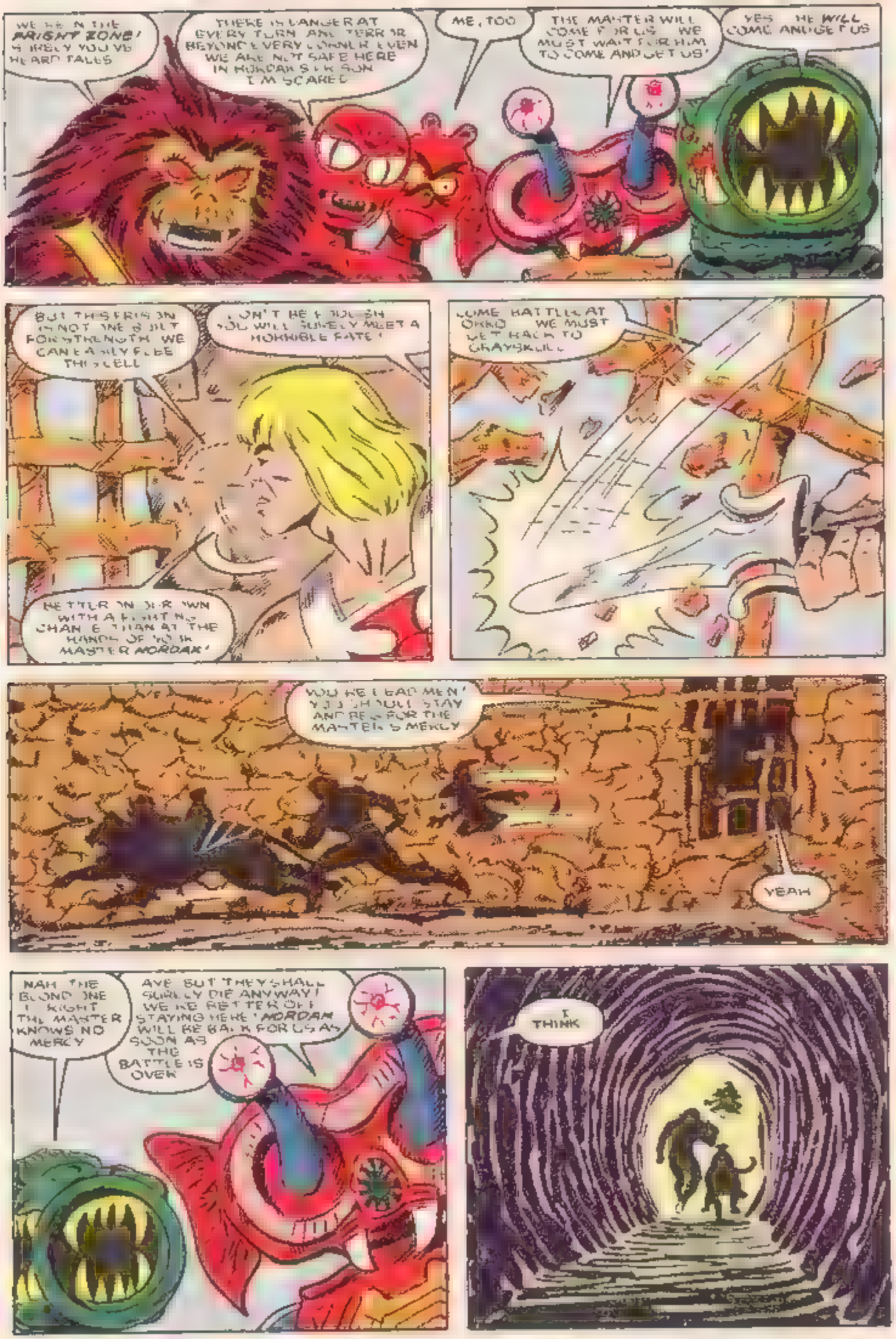

YES... YOU ARE MUCH IMPROVED SINCE THE DAY YOU FLED MY WRATH!

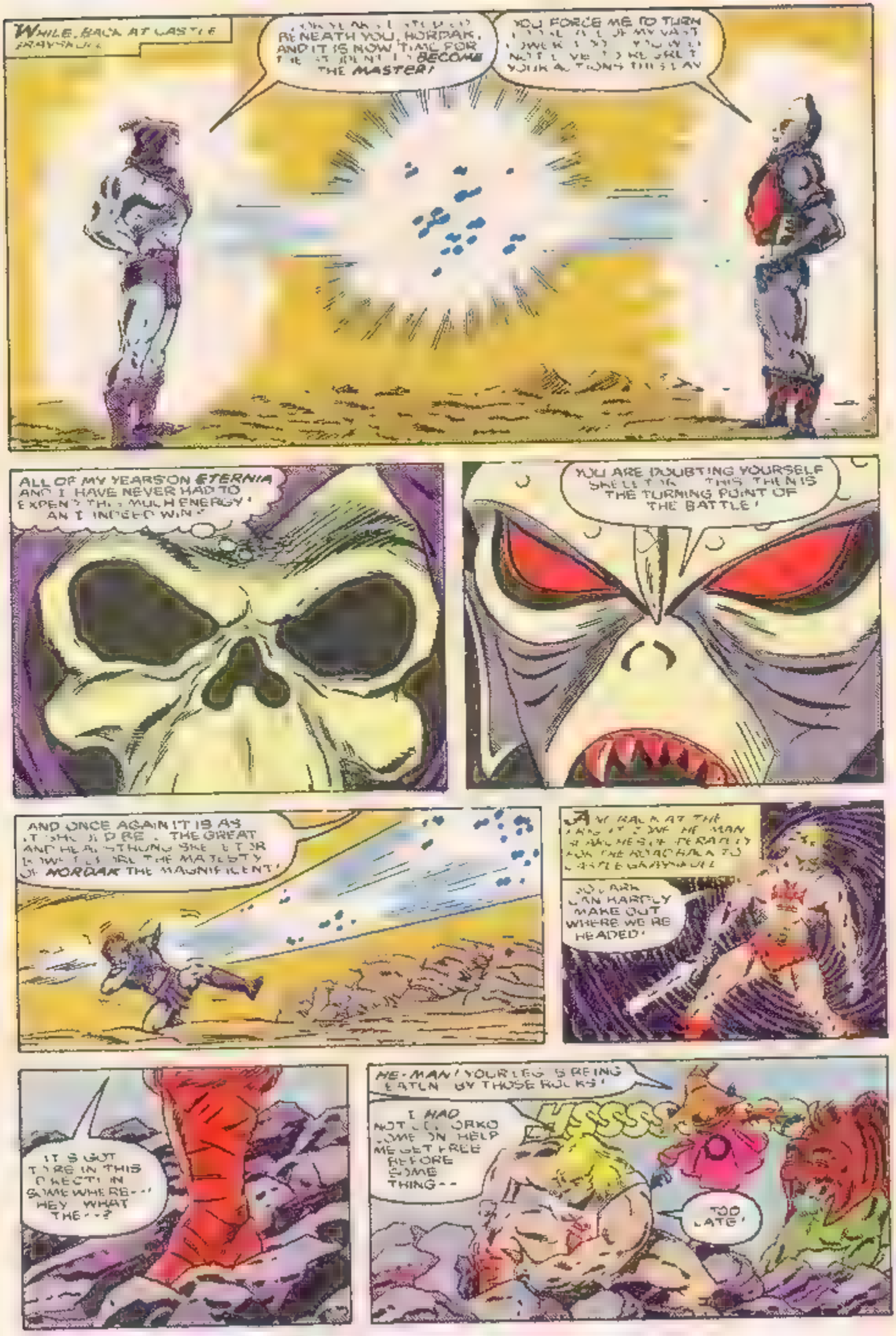
ETERNIA IS MINE, NORDAK! YOU SHALL HAVE TO PREPARE TO
WANT TO TAKE IT FROM ME!
WHAT--? NO!
AAAAAAAARRGH!
SOON YOU WILL FEEL NO PAIN, SKELETOR, AS LEECH DRAINS
YOUR VERY ESSENCE!
NO! STOP! I CAN'T STAND IT!
NOW THIS MANY
ATTACKS ME AND -
ETERNIA--
ETERNIA'S
SKELETOR!


THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE CHOICE!
HEY! I WANTED TO DO THE TAPPING!
TOO LATE DUMMY BUT I'LL LET YOU FINISH HIM OFF!
REALLY? THANKS, BUT WHAT CAN I -
HURRY UP! HE'S REGAINING HIS FOOTING! OH, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO DO ALL THE THINKING AROUND HERE!
QUICKLY REARRANGE INTO FIGURE NUMBER SEVENTY-TWO
YES, WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?
CAUSE I GOT ALL THE BRAINS!
AND SITTING ON BRAINS NOW WE CAN STOMP THESE GUYS! BRAINS BUT WITH ALL OUR MODULAR FEET! HAHAHAHAHA
ROOAAARRR
AIIEEE! A MONSTROUS CAT
YEAH
WELL TIMED BATTLECAT! I OWE YOU ONE!
MODULOK IS FAILING! THEN IT IS MANTENNA'S TURN TO KEEP THE MASTER!
BOW ETERNIA TO THE POWER OF THE EVIL HORDE!
ANOTHER ATTACK CANNOT LET THEM GET THE BEST OF US!
SMOOOM
WE MUST SAVE ETERNIA FROM THIS NEW ATTACK!

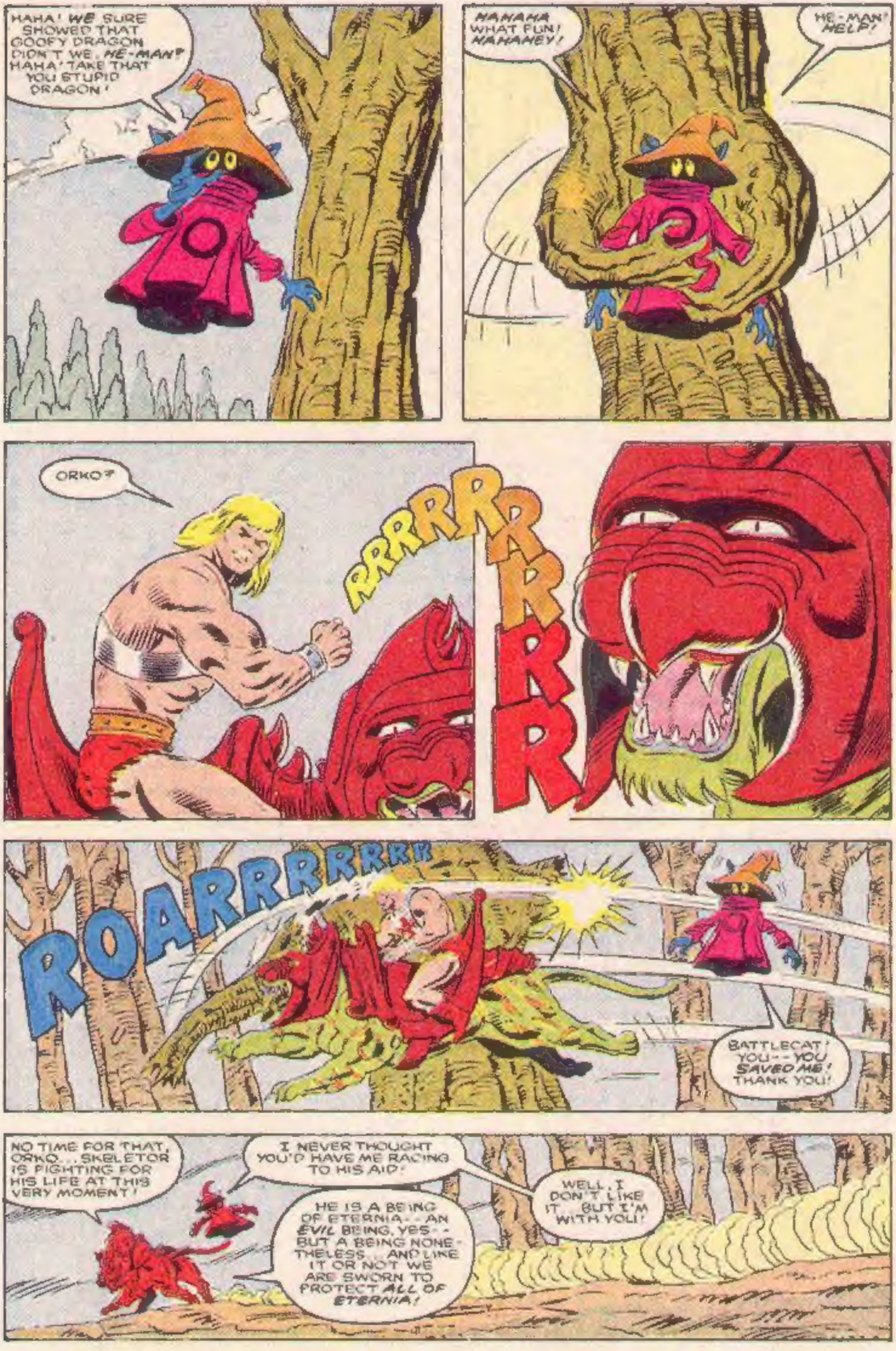
SO UNHAND SKELETOR, FIENDISH ONE!
YOU SEEM TO HAVE A CHAMPION SKULL FACE! BUT EVEN HE CANNOT SAVE YOU!
NO! DO NOT HELP ME SKELETOR NEEDS NO ONE'S HELP LEAST OF ALL FROM YOU, HE-MAN!
STAND ASIDE BLOND LINE... THE HORDE DOES NOT HAVE TIME FOR THIS INTERFERENCE!
ARRRRRRGH!
BLAST YOU HE-MAN AND ALL YOU STAND FOR!
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A "THANK YOU" FROM ONE WHO HAS YOU SKELETOR!
OF ALL THE STUPID IDIOTIC--! HOW COULD I HAVE MADE SUCH A MISTAKE?
WHAT'RE YOU GETTING SO MAD ABOUT, PAL? HERE, I'S OUGHTA COOL YOU OFF!
MY EYES-- ENCASED IN ICE! HELP!!

ALLENGE YOU
TAKEN PLACE CENTURI
YES, YOU AGAINST
WAS... YET TOD
END THAT CONFLIC
FOREVER WITH MY
WE'RE FADING OUT!
WHERE CAN THE MASTER
BE SENDING US?
I AM
NOT ALONE!
YOU
WHAT PLACE

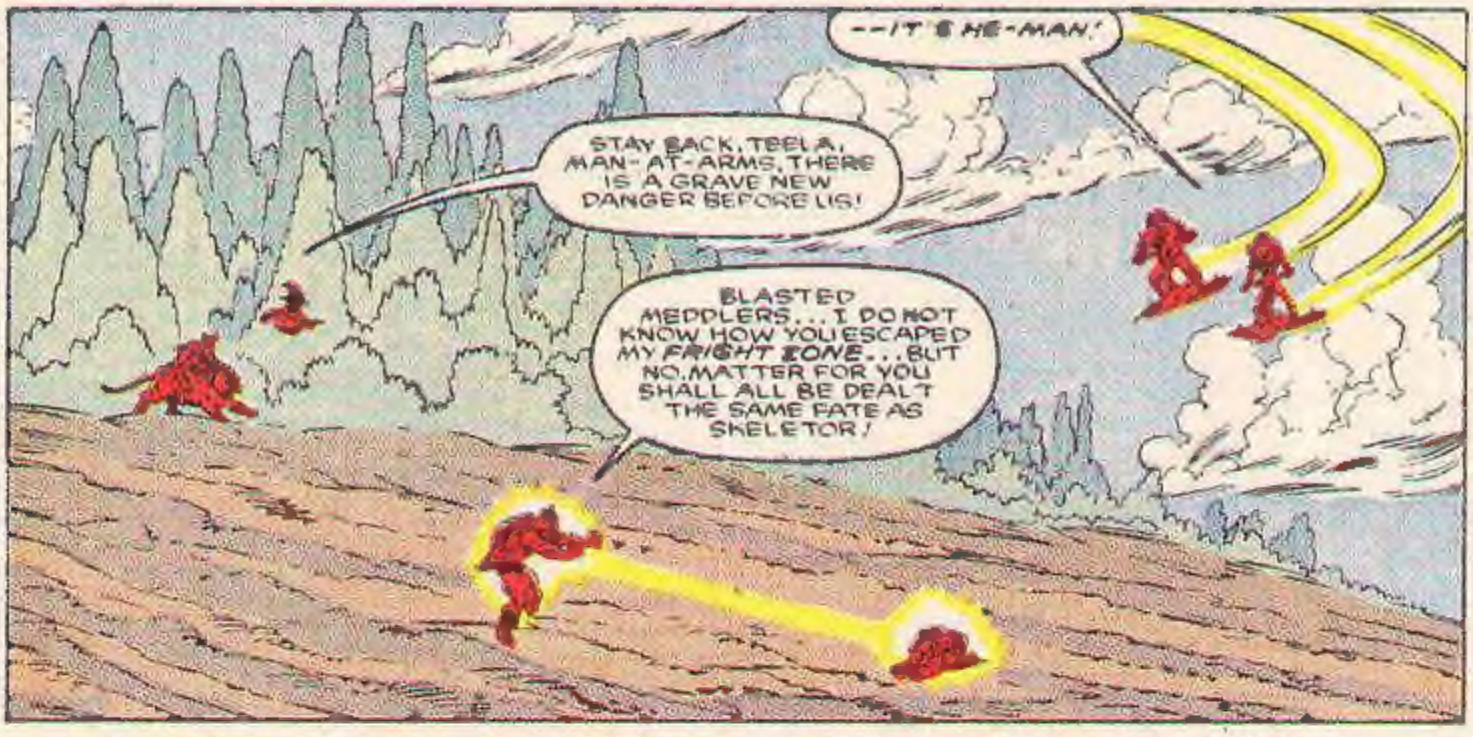

WE'RE IN THE BRIGHT ZONE! SURELY YOU'VE HEARD TALES
THERE IS DANGER AT EVERY TURN AND TERROR BEYOND EVERY CORNER EVEN WE ARE NOT SAFE HERE IN MORDAK'S REALM I'M SCARED
ME, TOO
THE MASTER WILL COME FOR US WE MUST WAIT FOR HIM TO COME AND GET US!
YES HE WILL COME AND GET US
BUT THIS PRISON IS NOT ONE BUILT FOR STRENGTH WE CAN EASILY FLEE THIS CELL
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU WILL SURELY MEET A HORRIBLE FATE!
BETTER TO DIE OUR OWN WITH A FIGHT NO CHANCE THAN AT THE HANDS OF OUR MASTER MORDAK!
COME BATTLE AT OKKO WE MUST GET BACK TO GRAYSKULL
YOU BE LEAD MEN! YOU SHOULD STAY AND BEG FOR THE MASTER'S MERCY
YEAH
NAH THE BLOND ONE IS RIGHT THE MASTER KNOWS NO MERCY
AYE BUT THEY'LL SURELY DIE ANYWAY! WE'RE BETTER OFF STAYING HERE! MORDAK WILL BE BACK FOR US AS SOON AS THE BATTLE IS OVER
I THINK


WHILE, BACK AT CASTLE GRAYSKULL
BENEATH YOU, HORDAK, AND IT IS NOW TIME FOR THE SPIRIT I BECOME THE MASTER!
YOU FORCE ME TO TURN ALL OF MY VAST POWERS TO YOU! YOU WILL NOT LIVE TO REGRET YOUR ACTIONS THIS DAY
ALL OF MY YEARS ON ETERNIA AND I HAVE NEVER HAD TO EXPEND THIS MUCH ENERGY! AM I INDEED WIN-
YOU ARE DOUBTING YOURSELF SHE-RA! THIS IS THE TURNING POINT OF THE BATTLE!
AND ONCE AGAIN IT IS AS IT SHOULD BE. THE GREAT AND HEALTHY SPIRIT OF POWER RESTORED TO ITS RIGHTFUL MASTER! THE MAJESTY OF HORDAK THE MAGNIFICENT!
MEANWHILE BACK AT THE CASTLE, HE-MAN IS DESPERATELY FIGHTING HIS WAY TO CASTLE GRAYSKULL!
SO, ARK CAN HARDLY MAKE OUT WHERE WE'RE HEADED!
IT'S GOT TO BE IN THIS DIRECTION SOMEWHERE--! HEY WHAT THE--?
HE-MAN! YOUR LEGS BEING EATEN BY THOSE ROCKS!
I HAD NOT CALLED ORKO COME ON HELP ME GET FREE BEFORE SOMETHING--
HSSSSS
TOO LATE!

SSSSSSSSSSSS
HE-MAN
OR THERE ISN'T TIME FOR TERN A AT ALL!
BRAK
SSRAAAARGH!
COME ON BIG GREEN COME AN GET ME COME ON
THAT'S IT FLEX THOSE CHOMP
I'M FREE!
BATTLE AT KLESA TAIL FLEES SLY FROM THE FOUL PLACE
YOU AIN'T LEAVIN ME HERE WITH THIS GUY ARE YOU? HEY? WAIT UP HE-MAN PLEASE!


HAHA! WE SURE SHOWED THAT GOOFY DRAGON DIDN'T WE, HE-MAN? HAHA! TAKE THAT YOU STUPID DRAGON!
NAHAHA WHAT FUN! NAHAHEY!
HE-MAN! HELP!
ORKO?
RRRRRRRRR
ROARRRRRRRRR
BATTLECAT! YOU--YOU SAVED ME! THANK YOU!
NO TIME FOR THAT, ORKO... SKELETOR IS FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE AT THIS VERY MOMENT!
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE ME RACING TO HIS AID!
HE IS A BEING OF ETERNIA--AN EVIL BEING, YES--BUT A BEING NONETHELESS... AND LIKE IT OR NOT WE ARE SWORN TO PROTECT ALL OF ETERNIA!
WELL, I DON'T LIKE IT BUT I'M WITH YOU!

STRANGE! I DO NOT KNOW THIS PART OF ETERNIA'S FOREST! COULD THIS FRIGHT ZONE WE ENCOUNTERED BE SOMEWHERE IN HORDAK'S HOME DIMENSION!
HORDAK'S DIMENSION?!? BUT HOW CAN WE EVER GET HOME THEN?
LOOKS TO ME LIKE THE BALL'S IN YOUR COURT, ORKO M'MAN!
M-ME?! BUT SURELY HORDAK'S MAGIC IS FAR STRONGER THAN MINE-- I CAN'T POSSIBLY REVERSE ONE OF HIS--
ORKO, OUR ONLY HOPE OF SAVING ETERNIA RESTS IN YOUR HANDS! YOU MUST GET US HOME!
WE MUST HOPE HORDAK'S ATTENTIONS ARE FOCUSED ON SKELETOR AND HE CANNOT HOLD US AGAINST YOUR SORCERY, FRIEND!
WELLLLL, IF YOU SAY SO, HE-MAN... YOU'RE THE BOSS! I ONLY HOPE THAT HORDAK IS STILL ENGAGED WITH SKELETOR, AND HASN'T FINISHED HIM OFF YET!
WHILE, IN ETERNIA...
GIVE UP NOW, SKELETOR, AND END YOUR SUFFERING FOREVER!
HEAR ME, POWERS FROM FAR AWAY--
--TAKE US SAFELY TO OUR HOME--
--AND WE'RE IN RUSH... SO DO IT TODAY!
YOU DID IT, ORK... LET'S GO!
WE'RE HOME, YIPPEE!
DON'T CELEBRATE YET, ORKO, THAT LIGHT SHOW CAN ONLY POSSIBLY BE ONE THING.
HORDAK VERSUS SKELETOR!
PRECISELY! NOW LET'S HURRY!
LOOK, TEELA... ALL OF THAT ELECTRICAL ENERGY IN THE CLEARING... PERHAPS THAT'S WHERE PRINCE ADAM DISAPPEARED TO!
MAYBE, MAN-AT-ARMS... BUT IF IT IS... HE'S IN SERIOUS TROUBLE! AND LOOK--


--IT'S HE-MAN!
STAY BACK, TEELA, MAN-AT-ARMS, THERE IS A GRAVE NEW DANGER BEFORE US!
BLASTED MEDDLERS... I DO NOT KNOW HOW YOU ESCAPED MY FRIGHT ZONE... BUT NO MATTER FOR YOU SHALL ALL BE DEALT THE SAME FATE AS SKELETOR!

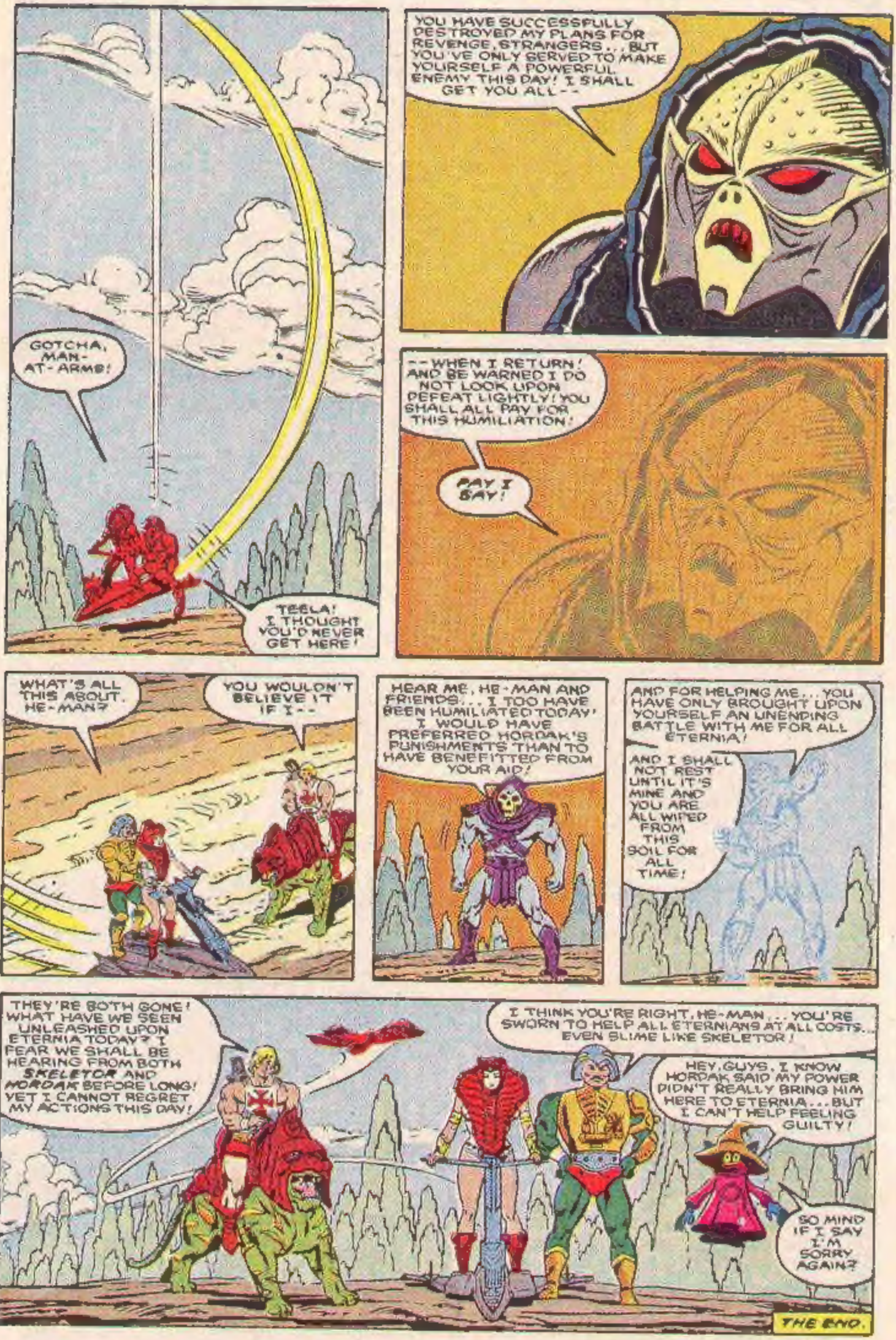
OH, YEAH, UGLY? SEZ YOU!
THE STUN-BEAM FROM MY SLED WILL PUT A CRIMP IN YOUR STYLE!
MAN-AT-ARMS... NO!

AGAIN THE FOOLS OF THIS REALM DARE TO ASSAULT THE PERSONAGE OF HORDAK! THEIR IMPUDENCE CAN BE HANDLED ONLY ONE WAY--

--WITH FORCE!
SHHRAKKK
AIIIIIEEEE!

HORDAK'S DISTRACTED... AND HE'S EXPENDING GREAT AMOUNTS OF ENERGY-- NOW'S MY CHANCE!

NO! THIS CANNOT BE! I AM HORDAK--YET I AM IMMOBILIZED!
RAKKKKKK


GOTCHA, MAN-AT-ARMS!
TEELA! I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER GET HERE!
YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY DESTROYED MY PLANS FOR REVENGE, STRANGERS... BUT YOU'VE ONLY SERVED TO MAKE YOURSELF A POWERFUL ENEMY THIS DAY! I SHALL GET YOU ALL--
--WHEN I RETURN! AND BE WARNED I DO NOT LOOK UPON DEFEAT LIGHTLY! YOU SHALL ALL PAY FOR THIS HUMILIATION!
PAY I SAY!
WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT, HE-MAN?
YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT IF I--
HEAR ME, HE-MAN AND FRIENDS... I TOO HAVE BEEN HUMILIATED TODAY! I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED HORDAK'S PUNISHMENTS THAN TO HAVE BENEFITTED FROM YOUR AID!
AND FOR HELPING ME... YOU HAVE ONLY BROUGHT UPON YOURSELF AN UNENDING BATTLE WITH ME FOR ALL ETERNIA!
AND I SHALL NOT REST UNTIL IT'S MINE AND YOU ARE ALL WIPED FROM THIS SOIL FOR ALL TIME!
THEY'RE BOTH GONE! WHAT HAVE WE SEEN UNLEASHED UPON ETERNIA TODAY? I FEAR WE SHALL BE HEARING FROM BOTH SKELETOR AND HORDAK BEFORE LONG! YET I CANNOT REGRET MY ACTIONS THIS DAY!
I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, HE-MAN... YOU'RE SWORN TO HELP ALL ETERNIANS AT ALL COSTS... EVEN SLIME LIKE SKELETOR!
HEY, GUYS, I KNOW HORDAK SAID MY POWER DIDN'T REALLY BRING HIM HERE TO ETERNIA... BUT I CAN'T HELP FEELING GUILTY!
SO MIND IF I SAY I'M SORRY AGAIN?
THE END.